NASA IT Program & Projects: A New Governance Model

The NASA Office of the CIO has implemented a new governance structure for advancing the success of the Agency's IT programs and projects. NPR 7120.7, NASA Information Technology and Institutional Infrastructure Program and Project Management Requirements, requires that IT programs and projects be overseen by Governing Bodies at the Agency and Center levels, referred to as the Agency IT Program Management Board (PMB) and the Center IT PMBs.   This presentation will discuss how the IT PMBs were constituted, how they function, and the resulting benefits for the Agency's IT programs and projects. The presentation will also describe the IT PMBs in the context of the overall Agency governance structure. Understanding the new governance structure for IT program/project management will benefit all managers who may one day present to the IT PMBs or who want to better understand this key new model for contributing to program and project management success.

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